

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A memory circuit apparatus comprising:
a plurality of memory cells connected to a
plurality of bit lines and word lines;

5 an access circuit connected to the plurality of
bit lines and word lines to select predetermined memory
cells from the plurality of memory cells in response to
an address signal;

a precharge circuit which precharges the bit lines
10 connected to the memory cells selected by the access
circuit at the time of a read mode;

a common source line connected to a plurality of
selected memory cells selected by the access circuit;

a source line potential control circuit to connect
15 the common source line to a ground node at a
predetermined timing; and

a discharge circuit which discharges the bit lines
connected to non-selected memory cells other than the
selected memory cells.

20 2. The memory circuit apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the discharge circuit is connected to
the bit lines connected to the non-selected memory
cells, and includes a plurality of discharge
transistors to fix these bit lines at a ground
25 potential.

3. The memory circuit apparatus according to
claim 2, wherein the discharge circuit includes a

decoder circuit which receives the address signal and a discharge permission signal as inputs and which produces an on signal to be supplied to the discharge transistors.

5 4. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one end of the bit line is connected to a precharge power supply via the access circuit and precharge circuit, and the other end of the bit line is connected to a ground node via the memory cell and the
10 source line potential control circuit.

 5. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the source line potential control circuit includes a switching device controlled to turn on/off by a source line potential control signal, and
15 connects the source line to the ground potential, when the switching device turns on.

 6. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a nonvolatile memory cell constituting E²PROM.

20 7. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a MOS transistor in which a source is selectively connected to a drain via a metal wiring, and constitutes a NOR type MROM.

25 8. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the memory cell comprises a MOS transistor in which a source is selectively connected

to a drain via a metal wiring, and constitutes a NAND type MROM.

5 9. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the access circuit includes a column decoder which selects a predetermined bit line by an input address signal, and the discharge circuit supplies an off signal to a discharge transistor connected to a predetermined bit line selected by the same input address signal as that of the column
10 decoder.

 10. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the discharge circuit includes a decode circuit which produces the same decoded output as that of the column decoder, and an inverter which
15 reverses a polarity of the output of the decode circuit.

 11. The memory circuit apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of memory cells are grouped/divided in a plurality of memory blocks, and
20 the memory cells in each block are further grouped/divided into a plurality of words.